

PATENT  
674579-2001REMARKS

This Amendment is made to clarify the claims and to correct an error in the Examiner's Amendment of March 24, 2004. Specifically, the language of independent claims 40 and 54 should reflect that the glucan lyase must be expressed in order to act on a glucan substrate. Prior to the Examiner's Amendment, the claim language read "expressing recombinant glucan lyase". The addition of "is expressed" to claims 40 and 54 achieves the same intent. In addition, "glucan lyase" was changed to "anhydrofructose" in line 4 of claim 54 in the Examiner's Amendment. This appears to have been an inadvertent typographical error, and is corrected by this amendment. No new matter is added.

This Amendment is being filed via facsimile, before payment of the Issue Fee, and does not raise any new issues requiring any further search or examination. This Amendment is being filed as soon as possible following receipt of the Notice of Allowance, and subsequent study thereof by Applicants of the allowed subject matter, and is being timely made now.

It is submitted that the instant amendment is technically accurate, corrects inadvertent errors, is consistent with the specification, and merely places the claims and specification into proper and consistent form with the subject matter that has already been allowed in this application. Thus, the herewith Amendment is merely formal in nature and raises no issues requiring any search or examination.

Since this Rule 312 Amendment is being filed before the payment of the Issue Fee, it is believed that no fee or Petition is necessary. However, if a Petition and/or fee is deemed necessary, this paper too may serve as the Petition, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any requisite fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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